(vii) Modernization and upgradation of secuirty related technological set up of the airports is being done in a phased manner.

(b) As admissible under the Carriage by Air Act, 1972, a compensation of Rs. 8.70 lacs has been paid by Indian Airlines to the next of the kin of the deceased passenger.

(c) There is no provision under the Carriage By Air Act, 1972 for compensation for tension/mental agony.

Aircraft Purchase Programme of IA

1225. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:—

(a) whether Government have decided to inject fresh capital of Rs. 125 crore and provide Rs. 325 crore as margin money for the aircraft purchase programme of Indian Airlines;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether these decisions are to be implemented in view of the Government's decision to privatise the Indian Airlines; and if so,the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) Government has decided on equity infusion of Rs. 325 crores in Indian Airlines in the form of margin money towards purchase/replacement of aircraft.

(c) The Government's decision has not been modified.

International Airport in Punjab

1226. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of an International Airport project in Punjab; and

(b) by when the project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) The Public Investment Board considered the proposal in August, 1999, but did not find the Internal Rate of Return, to be adequate.

(b) Does not arise.